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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Recommendation #2005-03: Attendance of Critical Analysis Team at Silos 1 and 2 Integrated Systems Operability Test

The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board requests that the Critical Analysis Team (CAT) observe the upcoming Integrated Systems and Operability Test, which will be conducted as part of the Standard Startup Review for the silos 1 and 2 treatment facility.

The CAT's attendance at this test is of critical importance. Reports received from the CAT have allowed the FCAB and other members of the public to engage meaningfully in the Fernald Silos Projects. Furthermore, independent confirmation by the CAT that the facility is ready to operate in a safe and effective manner is vital to community confidence in this project.

The CAT has provided invaluable input to the Fernald Closure Project throughout the design and construction of the Silos 1 and 2 treatment facility. Therefore, the CAT members are very familiar with the facility and potential areas of difficulty. By observing a complete and integrated test of the treatment facility, they will be able to suggest improvements to the process and solutions to any problems that arise.

At the April 9, 2005 Board meeting, please ensure the FCAB is given a report regarding the CAT's attendance and any feedback they provided regarding this test.

Sincerely:

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